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George Frank Beaver House  
190 East Green Street  
Westminster  
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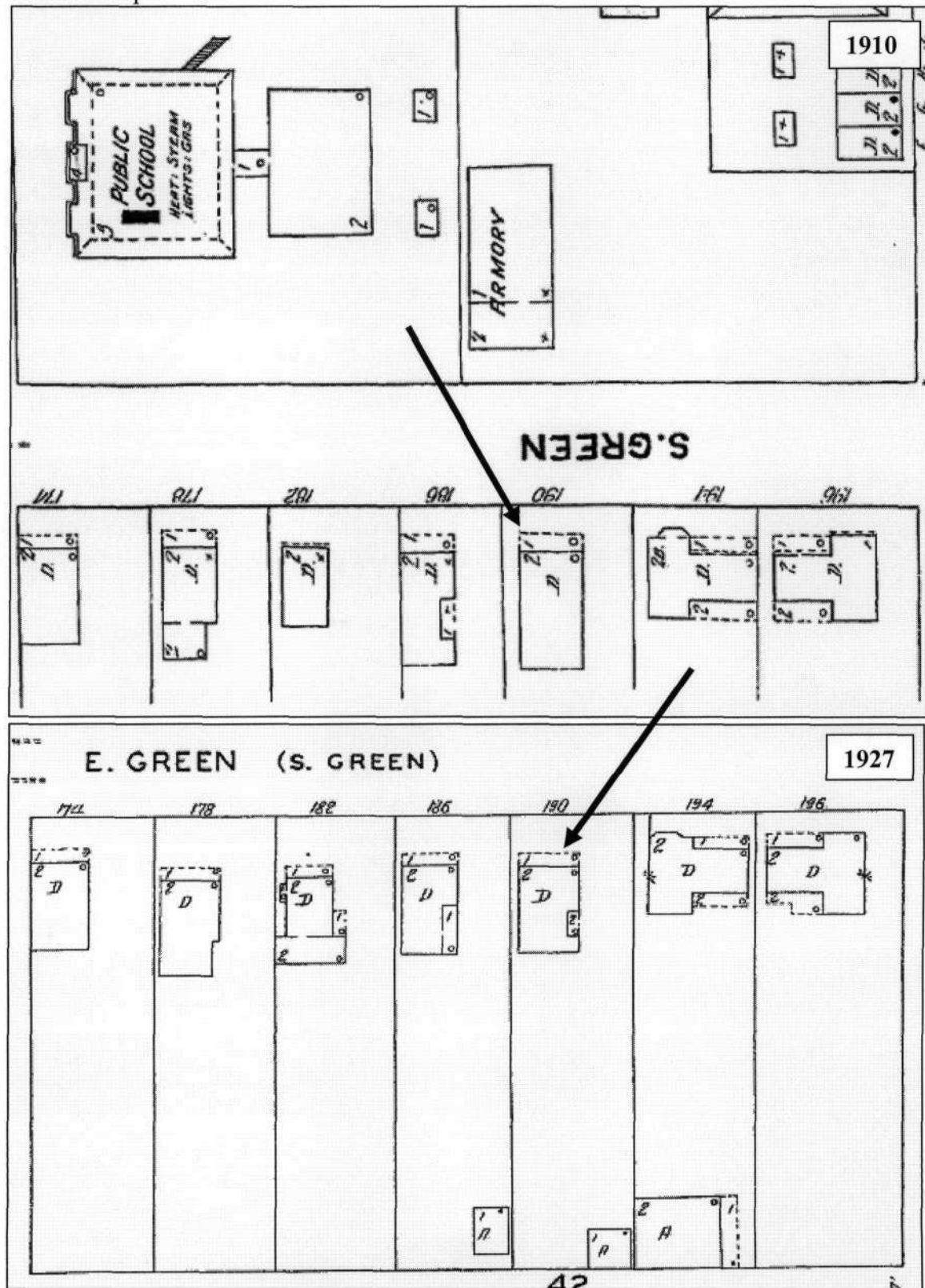
c. 1885

This frame house is three bays wide, two bays deep, and 2 ½ stories high, with a shed-roofed rear addition. Facing north onto East Green Street, the principal entrance, currently consisting of a glazed door beneath its two-light transom, is in the west bay. Windows are 2/2 sash, with louvered shutters. The first floor is sheltered by a porch with a standing-seam hipped roof, supported by square posts with a balustrade. The posts are decorated with carved brackets and a spindled frieze. The front cross gable holds a 2/2 sash round-arched window, with matching windows in the gable ends of the roof. The roof of the main block is trimmed with delicate sawnwork bargeboards. A single chimney pierces the roof near the center. The house is quite deep, but the main block is only pierced on the west gable end once on each floor, with irregular windows in the south half. The shed-roofed wing has one window per floor on the west façade.

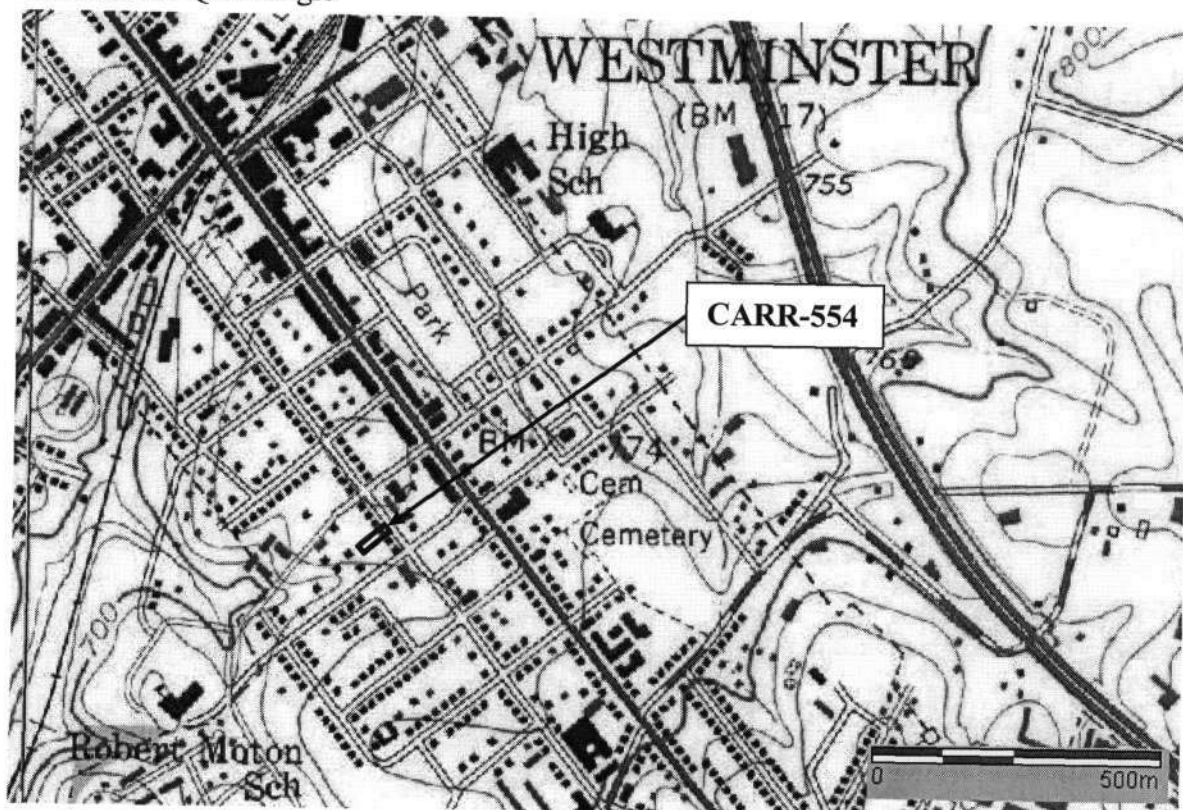
George F. (also called "G. Frank") Beaver bought Lot 5 of "Frizzell's Addition" in 1881 for \$197.50. Soon thereafter, he must have built the present house, because he is listed as listed there in the 1887 city directory. Unfortunately for him, he defaulted on a Deed of Trust a year later and his creditors sold the place in 1888 for \$2050 (a respectable price) to John L. Reifsnider, who, with others, held it in trust as rental property for various descendants of David Shriver.

The house is a more compact contemporary of 21 Park Avenue. It is a placid example of how late-19<sup>th</sup> century builders attached various popular features (here a Gothic peak dormer window and a deep front porch complete with spindle band) to the basic three-bay two-sectioned Pennsylvania farmhouse that had dominated the area's building for a century. In addition, this house works as part of a unit with its three neighbors to the east, (186, 182, and 178 East Green Street). These structures present a remarkably unified and unspoiled grouping of the type of frame house that appealed to the conservative souls of successful middle-class men of the 1880s and '90s.

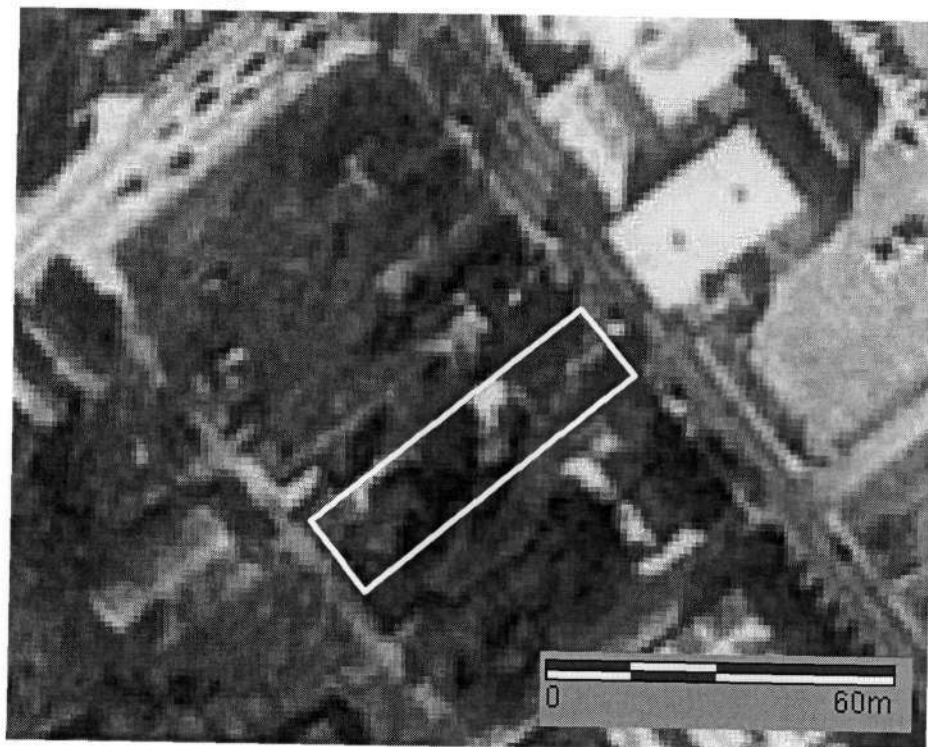
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